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EARLIER THIS YEAR SACEUR MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH GERMAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR TRAINING OF A GERMAN FIGHTER-BOMBER UNIT IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT HAVE A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEARBY STORAGE FACILITIES WITHIN FRAMEWORK NATO ATOMIC STOCKPILE SCHEME, THIS PROJECT KNOWN AS "WAGON TRAIN" WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. SOME WEEKS AGO.

ON OCCASION GENERAL NORSTAD'S CALL ON GERMAN FORMIN BRENTANO AND MOD STRAUSS DECEMBER 15 (BLANKENHORN ALSO PRESENT), STRAUSS REFERRED TO FOREGOING ARRANGEMENTS AND ASKED THAT APPROPRIATE WEAPONS NOW BE INTRODUCED FOR SUPPORT THIS GERMAN UNIT, NORSTAD REPLIED THAT WEAPONS COULD BE EARMARKED BUT NOT COMMITTED'AND THAT NO GUARANTIES COULD BE GIVEN THAT SPECIFIC QUANTITIES WOULD BE CONTINUALLY AVAILABLE FOR GIVEN UNIT, HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HIS PLANNING IN THIS MATTER HAD TO BE FLEXIBLE IN LIGHT OVER-ALL PRIORITIES AND REQUIREMENTS, SACEUR CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WOULD TAKE STRAUSS REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION.

SACEUR DISPOSED MOVE AHEAD IN THIS MATTER BUT WOULD

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